

Propagation Group BMP Workshops 2023

Best Management Practices for SacValley CNPS Nursery Growers

It is vital that native plant growers use BMPs in their plant production systems. This provides growers with a higher level of confidence that they are not spreading diseases and pests. Our goal is to produce pathogen free plants.

- Collect seeds and cuttings under dry conditions from healthy plants in disease-free areas. Clean footwear and equipment frequently.
- Obtain potting media from a reliable source. Store media off the ground and protected from splash and airborne spores.
- Sanitize used plant containers using a solar sterilizer or in a bleach solution.
- Store off the ground in a covered area.
- Sanitize used plant tags.
- Use only water-proof disposable gloves or freshly laundered gardening gloves.
- Grow and store nursery stock on draining, clean tabletops that are 2' off the ground, never on the ground. Plants that leave the nursery cannot be returned.
- Minimize splash while watering plants; avoid stressing plants with excessive or inadequate water.
- Visually inspect container stock from other nurseries. Be a perfectionist.
- Visually inspect your nursery stock. Dispose of any potentially infested stock in trash, not compost.
- If you are growing plants in or from coastal areas, they are at higher risk of Phytopthera and therefore higher standards should be met. In the event of an infestation, follow protocols for removing and disposing of infested plants, quarantining and testing of adjacent plants, and sanitizing tables until the full extent of infested material is identified and properly disposed.